

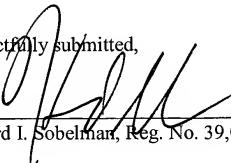
REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Final Office Action dated December 19, 2007 with a one month extension of time. Applicants request the Examiner consider this Reply after entry of the RCE filed herewith. Claims 1-16 were pending in the application and the Examiner rejects claims 1-16. Applicants cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice to filing one or more claims having similar subject matter in other applications. Applicants add new claims 17-23. Support for the new claims may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these new claims. Support for the new claims may be found at, for example, Figure 5 and pages 22-23 of the originally filed application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-16 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grenchus et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,054,824 ("Grenchus"), in view of Rousseau, et al., U.S. Publication No. 2002/0001001 ("Rousseau"), in view of Teveler et al., US Publication No. 2001/0034663 ("Teveler") and further in view of Official Notice of Technology Analysis & Strategic Management. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections; however, to expedite prosecution, Applicants cancel claims 1-16 and add new claims 17-23, so these rejections are now moot.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims properly set forth that which Applicants regard as their invention and are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Respectfully submitted,

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